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Honorable William J. Casey Director of Central Intelligence Washington, DC 20505

Dear Director Casey:

During the consideration of H.R. 6068, the Intelligence Authorization Act for FY 1983, the Intelligence Committee received a letter from Barbara Colby and Betty Villemarette which included their ideas on the proper implementation of the former spouses provision of Title VI. A copy of the letter is attached.

Both of these women bring a wealth of knowledge and insight, based on many years of personal experience, to the issue of spousal equity.

Now that H.R. 6068 has been approved by the Congress and is awaiting the President's signature, it is time to focus on the implementation of Title VI and on the concerns expressed by Mrs. Colby and Mrs. Villemarette.

I agree with them that it is imperative that "...spouses -- including former and widowed spouses -- should receive complete, timely information about their vested rights," and commend to your attention the plan for imparting such information contained in page 3 of their letter. It seems to me that this plan would effectively provide the notice mandated by section 605 of Title VI, and would assure all those concerned that the Agency is committed to the principles upon which Title VI is based.

I ask that you keep the Subcommittee informed of the steps taken by the Agency in this area and of any problems you might have in adopting the recommendations of Mrs. Colby and Mrs. Villemarette.

Sincerely,

ROMANO L. MAZZOLI

Chairman

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Attachment

CC: Mrs. Colby

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